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1. STATUS OF THE "VISIT USA" COMMITTEE IN THE UPCOMING
US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON
TOURISM MEETING REMAINS AMBIGUOUS. RICHARD O'BRIEN, VICE-
PRESIDENT OF THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL, TOLD AN
EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 16, THAT HE HAD INVITED ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TO THE MARCH 20 AND 21 MEETINGS
OF THE WORKING GROUP, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY V.
UVAROV, CHIEF OF THE USA SECTION OF INTOURIST, AS TO WHICH
AMERICANS WOULD BE ATTENDING. IN RELATING THIS DISCUSSION
TO EMBASSY OFFICER, O'BRIEN EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT THIS
MEANT THE COUNSELOR MAY ATTEND. HIS CAPACITY, HOWEVER,
WOULD BE THAT OF AN EXPERT AND OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY
RATHER THAN AS A MEMBER OF THE "VISIT USA" COMMITTEE.
MOREOVER, O'BRIEN POINTED OUT, UVAROV AND INTOURIST PRO-
TOCOL CHIEF SIMCHENKO HAD AVOIDED ACCEPTING THE
"VISIT USA" COMMITTEE EITHER AS A SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA
OR AS A RECOGNIZED PARTICIPANT IN THE WORKING GROUP ON
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TOURISM MEETING.

2. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH O'BRIEN AND TEDESCO OF AMEXCO,
EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION OF THE EAGERNESS WITH WHICH THE
SOVIETS HAVE PURSUED THE MEETING IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT
FROM THAT CONVEYED IN REFS A AND D. AS THEY DESCRIBE IT,

THE SOVIETS FIRST TENDERED AN INVITATION IN OCTOBER 1977 FOR A MEETING DURING THE SOVIET EXHIBIT IN NOVEMBER IN LOS ANGELES. THEN, UPON REJECTION BY THE SOVIETS OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE A TOURIST AGREEMENT (REF E), THE U.S. SIDE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TOURISM REJECTED THE INVITATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE U.S. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP CONCLUDED THAT A MEETING ON TOURISM WOULD BE USEFUL AND INDICATED TO THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN SUCH A MEETING. THE SOVIETS COMPLIED BUT, ACCORDING TO O'BRIEN, WITHOUT GREAT EAGERNESS

3. EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING ABOUT A POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN GROMYKO AND CHAVEZ AND DOUBTS THAT ONE IS LIKELY. TOON

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